



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
Committee of the Whole

Tuesday - March 3, 2015, 6:30 PM  
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

**AGENDA**

1. **Approval of the October 30, 2014 Minutes**
2. **Approval of the November 24, 2014 Minutes**
3. **198206: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD (ISD) demonstrate to this Board the CitizenServe software that is being used for the permitting process.
4. **198090: Discuss** (Lafuente) – That the Director of SPCD (ISD) appear before this Board to explain the new process of obtaining permits and why it takes so long to obtain one, even on simple projects.
5. **198180: Discuss** (Lafuente) – That the Director of SPCD (ISD) explain to this Board why permits for solar panels have been placed on hold by the Inspectional Services Department.
6. **198089: Discuss** (Lafuente) – That the Director of SPCD (ISD) appear before this Board to discuss morale issues at the Building Dept.
7. **198094: Discuss** (Lafuente) – That the Director of SPCD (ISD) appear before this Board to explain why inspectors are asking to take pictures during inspections inside people's homes.
8. **196285: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD (ISD) provide this Board with an update on improvements and developments in the Inspectional Services Division, including data on new hires over the past six months.

9. **197887: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Administration update this Board on the status of the Jobs Linkage Fee Home Rule Petition at the statehouse, and the implementation of a Job Creation and Retention Trust Fund, and share their strategy for moving it forward.
10. **196437: Discuss** (Niedergang, McLaughlin, Heuston, Rossetti, Ballantyne, Connolly) – That the Director of SPCD (Economic Development) report on the development of and funding for the local hiring and workforce development First Source program, and report on the outcome of FRIT's recent job fairs for Assembly Square, including Somervillians getting jobs.
11. **198174: Discuss** SPCD Director responding to #196437 re: local hiring and workforce development initiatives.
12. **196287: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD, the Planning Director, and the Housing Director appear before this Board for an update on raising the inclusionary housing ordinance to promote development of more affordable housing.
13. **196366: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Heuston) – That the Director of SPCD submit a plan to create “Middle Class” housing.
14. **197884: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board, before the Community Path extension is completed in November, on plans to protect pedestrians and cyclists from speeding motorists when Path users come up onto Lowell Street at the Lowell Street bridge.
15. **198508: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD (Transportation and Infrastructure) schedule with the Ward 5 Alderman a follow-up community meeting for March or April to report on safety improvements planned for the Lowell Street bridge area, since the Community Path Extension will open onto the Lowell Street bridge in the spring.
16. **196370: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD and the City Solicitor submit to this Board a proposal to impose institutional master plans.
17. **197861: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the City Solicitor and the Director of SPCD (ISD) update this Board on the court filing for 75-77 Gordon Street (as requested in July), pertaining to operating a business and storing construction materials at the site.
18. **198212: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 7 Alderman on

asphalt removal at 125 West Adams Street.

- 19. 197847: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking advise when the signs limiting entrance and exit from the 118 Holland Street driveway will be installed.
- 20. 197862: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD (Planning) update this Board on the construction start date at 77-83 North Street.
- 21. 198096: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of SPCD inquire of the developer of the complex on McGrath Highway, between Otis and Bonair Streets, why they aren't abiding by their promises for resident parking, lighting, and repairs to the McGrath Highway overpass.